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SPECIFICATION AMIENDMENT

Please amend paragraphs [0001], [0005], [0037], and [0038] as follows:

[0001] This invention pertains to headwear, in general, and to ~~a sweatband for a helmet~~
sweatbands as well as headwear including sweatbands, in particular. ~~The sweatband is~~
~~particularly well adapted for combat helmets and the like.~~

[0005] In accordance with the principles of the invention, an improved sweat band is provided including a hydrophilic foam core and a moisture wicking fabric covering the foam band. The hydrophilic foam core of the illustrative embodiment comprises water absorbent polymer crystals. In accordance with the principles of the invention, improved headwear includes a sweat band including a hydrophilic foam core and a moisture wicking fabric covering the foam band.

[0037] It will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that the helmet shown in the drawing figures is intended to be representative of a combat helmet, but the invention is not limited to any particular helmet shape or type or to helmets, but is advantageously utilized in all manner of headwear. Still further, the invention is not limited to the particular suspension configuration shown in the drawing figures. The invention is equally applicable to different suspension configurations and attachments to helmets.

[0038] The invention has been described in terms of various embodiments. It is not intended that the invention be limited to the illustrative embodiments. It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications and changes may be made to the

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embodiments without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention. Still further, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that the invention is applicable to various kinds of headwear and is not limited to protective helmet types of headwear. Accordingly, it is intended that the invention be limited only by the claims appended hereto.